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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr., [illegible]
Deputy Director,
Plans

SUBJECT : Request for Information Concerning American "Defectors"

Our efforts to answer recent informal inquiries, including some from the White House staff, have revealed that, though CIA and the FBI have detailed records concerning Americans who have been recruited as espionage agents by bloc countries, there does not appear to be a complete listing of those Americans now living in bloc countries who might be called "defectors". Using the definition of NSCID 4/7, those persons might be considered as those who have either been capable of possibly useful intelligence to the bloc or those whose decision to reside in bloc countries has been significantly exploited for communist propaganda purposes. This would mean that no attention need be paid to Americans who presumably are not within the bloc and no counter-intelligence significance and [illegible] attracted no publicity attention. For instance, this definition would not cover individual US citizens of East European or Chinese origin who returned to the "homeland" because they had never been completely assimilated into the American society.

There is attached a list of such persons, covering the last 18 months, and it would be appreciated if the Agency could verify and possibly expand this list for the use of interested bureaus of the Department.

Robert A. [illegible]
Director
Office of Intelligence
Resources and Coordination

Attachment:

List of American "Defectors"
From May 1959 - October 1960.

cc: INR - Mr. Cumming SY - Mr. Otepka
SCA - Mr. McDonnell ICF - Mr. Oakley (Mr. Zagorski) ✓

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